

ADELAIDE ADAMS, WIDOW OF COMMANDER GEORGE  
ADAMS.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 272.]

MARCH 2, 1860.

Mr. F. W. KELLOGG, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made  
the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the memorial  
of Mrs. Adelaide Adams, report:*

That they have examined the same, and find, from the memorial and accompanying papers, that she is the widow of Captain George Adams, of the United States navy, who entered the navy in the year 1818, and died on the 19th April, 1856, at Baltimore, Maryland, of a disease contracted in the service. It appears that the only objection to the allowance of her claim at the Pension office was owing to the construction of the phrase "line of duty." From the evidence submitted there can be no doubt but that the disease of which Captain Adams died was contracted whilst he was in the line of his duty. Dr. James C. Palmer, a surgeon in the United States navy, certifies "that the late Commander George Adams, before being detached from the receiving ship Ontario, at Baltimore, called my attention to the fact that he had a cough. He was soon after relieved from command of the Ontario, and passed out of my professional observation; but I learned, after the lapse of many months, that he had a constant cough, with other symptoms of pulmonary consumption. When next I had opportunity to observe he was in an advanced stage of the said disease, of which he *certainly died*. I do believe, from what I heard of his history, that he had a continuous cough after leaving the Ontario, and it is my opinion that the disease of which he died probably originated with that cough; in which case, it seems to me a reasonable conclusion that he died in consequence of exposure incurred during a period when he was engaged in continuous acts of duty."

Dr. G. W. Miltenberger, of Baltimore, who attended Commander Adams after he was detached from the Ontario, certifies, under oath, that the disease of which he died "commenced its ravages while he had charge of the Ontario."

Lieutenant Henry Rolando, who served with Commander Adam on the Ontario in the year 1851, states that he remembers distinct

the sufferings of Commander Adams from "an inflammatory disease, accompanied with a cough, which I have no doubt was the development of the disease of which he subsequently died."

The committee further report that Mrs. Adams has five infant children depending upon her personal exertions for support. That she is in very indigent circumstances. The committee are unanimous in the opinion that it is a case where a pension should be granted; they therefore report a bill.

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Dr. G. W. Mitchell, of Baltimore, who attended Commander Adams after he was detached from the Ontario, certifies that he had a constant cough when he was sent to the hospital, and that he was in an advanced stage of the disease of which he died. I am, therefore, of opinion that it is a case where a pension should be granted; they therefore report a bill.